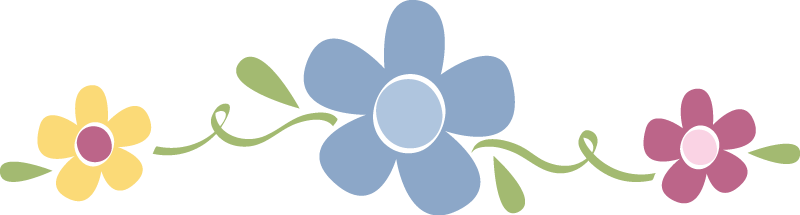
Day One  
On Wednesday morning at 6.am, my alarm went off- time to get up, as I got out off bed, I missed my alarm clock and fell onto the floor, it was really annoying because when I fell out bed the speaker was right next to my ear, p,p,p, poker face, p,p, poker face, muh, muh, muh, muh! It was so ANNOYING.

I went up to mums shower and told her what had happened, she burst out laughing, what a great start to the day…for her! While getting out of the shower….WHOA…. I slipped and landed on my bum, it really hurt. Once I’d put on my clothes, I did my hair, I brushed it and straightened it, it didn’t look very straight, so I definitely need a new one. When I was ready, it was only 7 in the morning, a new record for me, my record for sleeping in is until 2 in the afternoon, but anyway, I went down and checked off my clothing list, track pants, check, jumper, check and the list goes on and on…



“Chloe, I want to beat the traffic so get ready to go” shouted mum, I didn’t mind because I knew I was in for a treat, a Mc Donald’s breakfast, my favorite. We trotted into the garage with my 2 heavy bags, we opened the door of the car but before that Nan started telling me to give Tom a kiss….EWWWWWW….. I quickly hopped into the car shouting Go, Go, GO, by the time we left it was only 7.30 it was a bit early for an 8.40 train but by the time I’d driven to Mc Donald’s, and I’d eaten my breakfast, it would have been just the right time. We drove off and saw only one car at Yarrambat Primary School, Mum couldn’t stop talking about the new car she was getting, by the time we got to our destination I was sick of hearing Mercedes ML, I had a lot of bugs in my tummy to get rid of. Yum, yum, yum, I ate 2 Mc Muffins and 3 Hash browns, I couldn’t really eat anymore!

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We walked over to the train station after that, “Laurimar” shouted Mr. Mc Bean, it was time to say goodbye to mum, and get on the train.

We all pushed and shoved and squeezed our bags into the tinniest spaces. An hour seemed to fly by, because it seemed like 10 minutes, we passed Flinders street, then we arrived at Southern Cross Station, we saw a lot of people playing instruments for money, one of them was playing the xylophone, he must have had like 20c with him because his music sounded squeaky…to me, while a man in a bus took our luggage, we walked through the park, it wasn’t an ordinary walk, we walked though the set of City Homicide, all the stars were waving at us I waved back. About half an hour of walking past and we arrived at Melbourne Discovery Centre, as we all put our bags on the floor, we were escorted to the cinema, we were met by Anne from Metlink, it took about half an hour for her to stop talking but not in a bad way, I was quite interested in some of the facts she was telling us. She gave us a little pack of how to travel safely.



We collected our bags and made our way to the kitchen,

We sorted out our groups and who would take care of our room key, Emily and I shared.

I felt really nervous about the Eureka Skydeck, but I knew it would be fun. We had to catch a tram immediately so off to the MCG were we.

We got on the tram, it was really squishy, I was pressed up against Emily and Elise, but that was fine, I finally had a seat to sit on after a couple of stops and it turned out that the next stop was ours, so I offered my seat to an elderly lady who had just got on, what was the point of sitting anyway!

We passed another school while walking, 3 of the girls gave me the rude finger, but I didn’t know them so how does that affect me, I just kept walking past, Mr. Furze took some pictures of us on the bridge, I really liked the silly one. Before we went inside the MCG, we sat down and had our lunch, Elise saw her dad there, while she was off talking to her dad, Emily and I chased sea-gulls, we had no luck but a lot of fun.

I was really amazed at the sport memorabilia, that’s definitely something I could do again!

Anyway, we must have been 10 minutes late or something because the teachers were all running.

We got on another tram and hurried to the Eureka Sydeck, I was feeling sicker, but was pretending to be the brave one!  
As I was in the first group, we went up the elevator with Mr. Hayes, 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9…. We counted the stories on the TV that was in the elevator. We reached the top and I heard a sound, luckily it was only a pair of speakers. After 2 minutes, I loosened up got used to it, gosh it was fun, I even pressed myself up against the glass as if it was to fall!

The sad bit was that we had to leave, we were going to go home and just chill, it was like 2 hours of being locked in our rooms but it just went by because we had to set up our beds, make the room tidy and set out our gear.

C:\Documents and Settings\User\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\1Q8CPOPB\MCj03347380000[1].wmfI got really tired and slept for a bit but was feeling energized when I woke up, “Time for dinner, get into the hallways so we can eat” shouted Mrs. Blake, we all ran through the doors, I nearly forgot my key, but didn’t.

For dinner we had spaghetti bolognaise, my favorite, I wasn’t really happy with Connor or Josh sitting on my table because they spilt cordial on my lap, splashing food all over the table and shouting in my ear.

But other than that bit, the day was a success, we were going to watch a movie as well but I fell asleep halfway through it, I think it was space chimps, but as I said, I don’t really remember.

It was quite late at night when the movie finished but I could hardly drag myself upstairs, I collapsed on my bed and fell asleep first.

Day Two

We got up in the morning all tired and dragging our feet along the grounds, I guess most of us liked to sleep in!

We went to the showers and nobody was in there because were called out first, YAY, one I got in there…Ouch! On my shower, we have a hot water system so when I get in, it’s just right. When I got out everybody was still in there, washing their LONG, lush hair, I got dried, put on my clothes and day no.2 had started.

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For breakfast, we had cereal, I had corn flakes, it was the only cereal I like but it was also the only cereal I have without milk!! It was super embarrassing, I know it seems silly but I hate it when everybody tells me to add milk.

After that, we got into groups so we could go to the VIC market, Mr. Nolan took us girls, we had a look at all the different shops and stopped to buy couple of things fir family and friends, there was this really rude man at one shop, he pushed us all out of his shop and said “Go away” we hadn’t done anything to annoy him though!

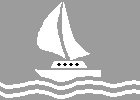
I bought a…. nothing, nothing tickled my fancy, I did want a 1cm glass mouse but it was $12, for a tiny little mouse, no way.

C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Media\CntCD1\Animated\j0283543.gifWe all met up and caught a train to Science Works, Emily and I sat together on the train, she gave me some Big Red chewy, it was really hot but really nice. Station by station, we passed them all until we got off at Spotswood, we lined up against the fence and in single file we walked on to Science Works.

Once we got there we saw Darth Vader on the building, they were having a star wars convention, but it wasn’t for us to see, we went to the lightning station, and saw a show about safety around electricity, it was really loud, I had to block my ears. A couple of people were used in the act, Madeline…no I think it was Juliet, I don’t really know. But one of them had to touch a machine and confetti went flying up in the air.

Once that was finished a man told s we were going down, down, down, but we went down stairs and had a look at the pumping station. We had a look at 5 coins on a giant machine; I was amazed at how they balanced.

We were in a rush so we had to hurry up to catch the river cruise, I usually get sea sick but I enjoyed it, I sat with Emily and Elise. We went under heaps of bridges; some of them looked really cool underneath.



We got off at the Yarra River, the side of it! We were greeted by Holly and Jordan’s mums; they had fish and chips in their arms. I couldn’t wait; the smell of it was just drifting past our noses. I was begging or it to touch the tip of my tongue!

We had potato cakes, dim sims, chip and well that was it.

There were millions of sea gulls just waiting around. Most of the classes were throwing chips at them; one of them had one leg and only one eye!

We sat by the Yarra for like half an hour, just talking and wishing that camp wouldn’t end.

By the time we had stopped day dreaming, we had to run o the Old Melbourne Gaol, it was raining as well! When we got there we were literally soaked in water. I wasn’t feeling to well so a couple of girls and I went to the toilets, end result: not so good.

We sat down on the floor and met up with the tour guide, he told us the story of Ned Kelly, I was really fascinated that the original bar that the rope he was hung on, was on there.

I was really happy that I had an Ice cream, because I’m an ice-cream-a-holic!!!

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When we had dinner, I was really full because…I don’t know, I just couldn’t eat anything. We had a Parma, and this time I got to sit with Emily and Elise. After that we had red faces, in the end we came runners up. I was looking forward to a long sleep.

Day Three

In the morning we had breakfast, I had Special K this time, we had to pack all our stuff because the next time we were sleeping, it would be at home. The girls took the longest to pack up so Mr. Mc Bean got a bit annoyed. This time we weren’t in a rush so we got on a tram and head for the Australian Racing Museum. We didn’t get to see Pharlap though.

We then took a tram to The Shrine, it was really historical and I felt proud when the light shone across the word “love” we went downstairs to have a look at all the flags, we crouched down on our knees because we got tired of standing but we still paid full attention.



I didn’t really want to leave because I was enjoying looking at all the statues, I learnt something there: on a statue, they will never mention the man’s name.

We grew quite hungry and were tired of walking around so guess what we did next, LUNCH TIME! We split into groups and set off for the food franchise we wished to order from, Mr. Hayes took Emily, Elise, Matt, Chantal, Ashlee and I, Elise and I paid together, we always do. As Mr. Hayes got on the phone we all stood up, as he said that we had to go, we had already half left Subway, we read his mind, because we hadn’t quite finished our meals, some boys set off to get our bags while we sat at Flinders Street Station and ate the rest of our lunch, we talked, ate and spilt drink everywhere…accidentally, one man walked past me and he tipped my drink bottle and it ran down the stairs with me chasing it until a nice lady stopped it for me. I thanked her then ran back to the group.

C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\MEDIA\CAGCAT10\j0183328.wmf“Ding” our train was here, we got into our groups as we had at the Vic Market and headed towards the train. We bunched up on the train and cried out that we didn’t want to leave. I had a lot of fun on camp but was ready to come home. When we saw that Watsonia Station was the next stop, we all grabbed our bags and got ready to hop off the train, Mr. Nolan didn’t get off with us this time because his car was at Diamond Creek Station. We ran up the ramp towards the bus and were counted as we got on, I was number 13.

As we drove to school, we sat tired and  
exhausted, we were sitting in our seats  
talking about not having to walk home  
and how annoying it would be if we had to.

When we arrived at school, all the parents were there to pick up their kids; I had to walk home though!

I really enjoyed the camp and spending time with my friends, it was really fun and I loved re- telling it.

Thanks for listening!



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